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The Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) Leaders for Democracy Fellowship

The Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) Leaders for Democracy Fellowship is open to applicants between the ages of 25 and 40 who have a bachelor's degrees and English-language fluency. Applicants should have at least five years of work experience. The Fellowship will run from March 22 to June 21, 2014 at Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs in Syracuse, New York. The LDF includes five weeks of academic coursework on issues, such as leadership, democracy, democratic transitions around the globe, comparative politics, civil society, communication, conflict resolution, and change management, among other topics. After completing the academic portion of the project, each participant will engage in a seven-week professional assignment with a political, non-governmental, or public policy organization in Washington, D.C. MEPI and Syracuse University will cover international and domestic travel, health insurance, housing, and a moderate living stipend in the United States for all Fellows. All Fellows are expected to travel to the United States unaccompanied.

Interested applicants must send a CV in English and one essay, in English, of no more than 1,000 words responding to one of the questions below:

- How will a MEPI Leaders for Democracy Fellowship enable you to better lead your community or country towards greater democracy and citizen participation in the institutions and activities of government?
- Specifically, what do you hope to gain from this project and what are your plans to apply the experience it offers?
- What changes do you hope to bring about in your country during the next 10 years?

Please send your CV and essay to MEPIAlgiers@state.gov before November 05th to be considered for a mandatory interview.